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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sue A. Purvis

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f):
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/05 & 4/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figures 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Shionzaki et al. (JP 2001-171570 A).

Shionzaki discloses a tape application jig (1) for applying adhesive tape to an adherend having bent and/or curved portions. Regarding claim 1, the jig in Shionzaki seen clearly in Figures 1 through 4 includes the following:

(a) a tape application head (9) for applying the tape (T) under pressure to a surface of the adherend (F);

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(b) a guide (4) disposed on the surface of the adherend opposite the tape application head (9) for guiding the jig along the surface of the adherend;

(c) a biasing member (7) for biasing the jig guide and tape application head toward one another to control tape application; and

(d) a tape holding member (13) forming a tape guiding space.

As to claims 2 and 3, the jig guide (2) is a block further comprises a guide pin (10) capable of being received in a groove provided in the adherend opposite to the tape applying surface of the adherend.

As to claims 5 and 16, the jig in Shionzaki is capable of being slid continuously on the tape applying surface portion of the adherend irrespective of its shape and without removing and re-attaching the tape application jig.

As to claim 6, the tape holding member (13) consists of a plate member having a rectangular cross section and an opposing plate member (17) having an angle cross section.

As to claim 7, the tape application head (9) is a cylindrical member.

As to claim 8, the cylinder is elastic and is thus a surface layer which functions as a slide promoting layer or a buffer layer for the tape.

As to claim 9, the jig guide (2) includes a plate member (12) having a rectangular cross section.

As to claims 10 and 17, the jig guide (2) includes at least one roller (11a).

As to claim 11, the tape holding member (13) further comprises a paper processing member (17) for removing and clearing release paper (TL) of the tape. (See Figures 2, 3, and 12.)

As to claims 12, 14, 18, and 20, the adherend in Shionzaki that is part of a window frame of a vehicle.

As to claim 13, Shionzaki uses pressure sensitive adhesive tape.

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As to claims 15 and 19, the device used in Shionzaki is capable of handling adhesive-backed paint replacement film. "Expressions relating the apparatus to contents thereof during an intended operation are of no significance in determining patentability of the apparatus claim." *Ex parte Thibault*, 164 USPQ 666, 667 (Bd. App. 1969). Furthermore, "[i]nclusion of material or article worked upon by a structure being claimed does not impart patentability to the claims." *In re Young*, 75 F.2d 996, 25 USPQ 69 (CCPA 1935) (as restated in *In re Otto*, 312 F.2d 937, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shionzaki as applied to claims 1 and 2 above.

The diameter of guide pin (10) in Shionzaki is not detailed, however, it is appreciated that the pin has two diameters, a larger end of the pin contacts the adherend and a smaller end is held in the guide (4). (See Figure 2.) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that a diameter of the pin held within the guide of about 1mm to about 5mm is within the purview of the artisan as it is a matter of design choice and can change based on the type of material used to make the guide (4) and the pin (10).

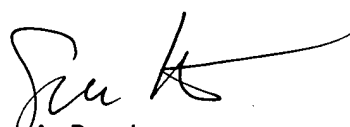
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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue A. Purvis whose telephone number is (571) 272-1236. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher A. Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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